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Amending of the

Proposal for a

REGULATION (EEC) OF THE COUNCIL

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2958/73 on the
exchange rate applied in agriculture for the Italian lira

(Amendment presented by the Commission to
the Council pursuant to Article 149, second
paragraph, of the EEC Treaty)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

At its meeting on 17 and 18 June 1974 the Council agreed that, in respect of pigmeat, Italy should effect now the "adjustment" in prices which under Article 4b of Regulation (EEC) No 974/71 (inserted by Regulation (EEC) No 3450/73 OJ No L 353, 21.12.1973, p. 25) should take place on 1 November 1974, the beginning of the marketing year.

Provisions should therefore be adopted by way of derogation from the said Article 4b. It would be appropriate to do this by making an amendment, under Article 149(2) of the Treaty, to the proposal for a Regulation concerning, inter alia, the amendment of Regulation (EEC) No 2958/73 on the exchange rate applied in Agriculture for the Italian lira.

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1. To be added after the last recital:

Whereas, as regards pigmeat, Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 1424/74 provides that the purchase price applicable in Italy is to be increased by 12.5 percent until the beginning of the 1974/75 marketing year and that Article 4b of Council Regulation (EEC) No 974/71 ⁽¹⁾ of 12 May 1971 on certain measures of conjunctural policy to be taken in agriculture following the temporary widening of the margins of fluctuation for the currencies of certain Member States, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3450/73 ⁽²⁾, is to be applied subject to such provision; whereas the Italian purchase price is consequently 3.18% below the price resulting from the use of the new conversion rate;

Whereas a need for imports is a constant feature of the Italian pigmeat market; whereas, in view of the balance of payments difficulties currently facing Italy, home production should be stimulated as much as possible; whereas for this purpose the price increase originally planned for the beginning of the 1974/75 marketing year should be brought in now, which will mean that the provisions of Article 4b of Regulation (EEC) No 974/71 will no longer apply in respect of pigmeat.

(1) OJ No L 106, 12.5.1971, p. 1

(2) OJ No L 353, 22.12.1973, p. 25

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The following Article to be added, and the present Article 2 to become Article 3:

Article 2

1. In the second subparagraph of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1424/74 the words "except for the durum wheat and olive oil subsidies" are replaced by the words "except as regards pigmeat and the durum wheat and olive oil subsidies".
2. The following subparagraph is added to Article 2(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1424/74:

"with effect from 1 July 1974, the provisions of Article 4b of Regulation (EEC) No 974/71 shall cease to apply in respect of pigmeat".